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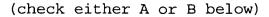
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- 2. ___ after the time period specified in paragraph 1 above, but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), submitted herewith is:



- A. ___ a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).
- B. ___ the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).
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 - A. a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e);
 - B. the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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